

Alderman Cook asked to be excused
from the meeting
There being no business before the Court Alderman
Robinson moved to adjourn subject to the call
of the President. Carried

*John F. Herbert -
City Clerk*

Called Meeting of City Council
May 30th 1877.

Council called to order at 3:30 P.M.
Mayor Shuler in the chair. Roll called and the
following members answered

Alderman Duffinbaugh James and Mass
Absent Alderman Brimond Cook, Barnour
Robinson and Taylor

On motion of Alderman James the Marshal
was directed to bring in the absentees Robinson and Cook
Alderman Brimond, Barnour Taylor, and
Hend came in and answered Quorum present

Petition of J J Meadow Manager of the
Raymond House. Asking that the city adopt
some plan whereby the waste water can be carried
from the Raymond House

On motion of Alderman Mass the petition
was referred to Committee on Streets

Petition of Joseph Clay stating that on
the first day of March 1877 he took out license #1394
for carrying on the butcher business and paid Twenty five

dollars for said license. That he is unable to continue the business and asks that authority be granted him to transfer said license to Ed Lestergett

On Motion of Alderman Bremond the petition was laid on the table

Petition of Thomas Patten stating that on the first day of March 1877, he took out license #1441 also at the same time he as member of the firm of Patten & Wright took license #1392 since which time the firm of Patten & Wright has dissolved and it being impracticable for him to carry on both plants he asks the authority to transfer the license of Patten & Wright to S. Canfield

On Motion of Alderman Ward the petition was laid on the table

Petition of Lealil Roberts asking the lease of a portion of the River front below the bridge for Twenty five years for the purpose of establishing a Tannery and Shoe, Saddle and Harness Manufactory and that the same be released from taxation

On Motion of Alderman Bremond the petition was referred to Committee on Streets

Report of Finance Committee

Austin Texas May 12th 1877

Hon T.B. Wheeler.

Mayor

Sir

Your Committee on Finance to whom was referred the matter of establishing the rate of taxation for the year 1877, have the honor to report, that they have carefully examined the account of expenditures for the year last past, together with the amount of taxes levied and find that while in some cases the expenses will not be so great this year, we may be compelled to expend the difference in other departments, and from information received from the assessor & collector, the amount of assessment on the valuation of property this year will be less than in 1876, and with the reduction in the business tax as fixed by the State law, the revenue of the City will be less than last year. Your Committee would be pleased to see the taxes reduced, but in view of all the facts Your Committee would respectfully recommend that the Tax for the year 1877 be fixed at 1%.

Respectfully

C. Bremond
Louis McLean

Finance Com.

Estimate of expenses enclosed, to wit

Water	4,000.00
Lamps	5000.00
Police & Marshal	9000.00
Mayor	2000.00
Clerk	1500.00
Treasurer	600.00
Sheriff	800.00
Engineer	600.00
Physician	300.00
City Day	600.00
Leaving Prisoners	1500.00
Porter & Lamp Lighter	400.00
Postage	5000.00
Office Expenses	500.00
Charity	2400.00
Repaying Marshal's House	200.00
Cemetery	500.00
Tools, Blanks &c for Prisoners	3000.00
Banquet	1200.00
Interest	10,000.00
Swing Fund	5,000.00
Commission of Assessors & Collector	3,000.00
Expenses for City Carts	2000.00
	<u>\$56,680.00</u>

On motion of Alderman Robinson the report
of the Committee was received.

Alderman Day for member of the Finance Committee
submitted the following monthly report

To the

Mayor & City Council

Our Committee to whom was referred the amount =
sum of an ad valorem tax sufficient to meet the current
expenses of the City for twelve months, have the honor
to make the following report. First what is the amount
necessary to carry on the city government.

We will begin by enumerating the officers and their
salaries

The Mayor	2000.00
" City Clerk	1500.00
" Marshal	1800.00
" Treasurer	600.00
" Surveyor	600.00
" Physician	600.00
	310.10

City Alcy	600.00
6 Police at 80 ⁰⁰	4800.00
2 " Extra at 75 ⁰⁰	1800.00
Interest and Exchange on Bonds due	10,000.00
Breeding Fund	3000.00
Water Company	5000.00
Gas & Oil & Repairs	1200.00
Ferry Mule	700.00
Tools and Blacksmithing	200.00
Shoe Repairs Extra work	1000.00
Rent of Coal Hands	<u>1600.00</u>
	<u>\$14,700.00</u>

Fire Department

To 2 City Fire Engines 1200	2400.00
Rent for Fire Dept	1400.00
Material for same	200.00
Fire General Fund	<u>1000.00</u>
	<u>5000.00</u>

Marshall Department

To amount for Repairs	100.00
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City Secretary

Salary of Secy	500.00
Sanitary	500.00
General	<u>1000.00</u>
	<u>2100.00</u>

Making in the aggregate the sum. of \$44,600 dollars as a liberal estimate of the amount necessary to meet the current expenses of the city for the year.

The Revenue from which we can meet the above is First the taxable property of the City and from the tax rolls we have \$58,000." and an ad valorem tax of 3% of One per cent on the above amount will amount to \$163,000.00

Add the License Tax	3,000.00
The Fines of the City	2000.00
Surplus	<u>1,000.00</u>
	<u>\$49,000.00</u>

The fine by deducting \$44,600 thousand dollars we have an excess to more than meet the ordinary sum not to be estimated in the usual expenses of the machinery of a City government. The Treasurer will have left in his hands about \$4,400 dollars not appropriated and to meet the various small sums not to be calculated for we find

that the good service of this council will so deserve

M. A. Taylor

on motion of Alderman Ward the minority report
was received.

^{" 10:} By Committee on Finance An Ordinance
Authorizing and directing the Mayor of the City of
Austin to exchange Austin City Bonds for City
Warrants held by the Eureka Fire Hose Company

The Ordinance was read and passed to its second
reading

Alderman Robinson moved to suspend the
rules and put the ordinance on its second reading

The Yeas and Nays ordered and the motion to suspend
the rules passed by the following vote

Yea's Alderman Brimond, Cook, Daffernbaugh
James Larmour, Isaac Robinson, Taylor & Ward
Nays None

The Ordinance was read the second time and
passed to its third reading

Alderman Robinson moved to further suspend
the rules and put the ordinance on its third reading

The motion to further suspend the rules passed
unanimously.

The ordinance was read the third time

Alderman Robinson moved that the ordinance
be passed

The Yeas and Nays ordered and the ordinance
passed by the following vote

Yea's Alderman Brimond, Cook, Daffernbaugh
James Larmour, Isaac Robinson, Taylor and Ward
Nays None

By Alderman Haas

Austin 1st May 15th 1877

Whereas the officers of the Fire Dept have
expended out of their own funds the sum of Sixty
dollars for Stationery and other articles necessary for
their office. Therefore, Be it resolved by the
City Council of the City of Austin, that the sum
Sixty dollars be appropriated to re-imburse said
officers and the Mayor be authorized to draw his
warrant on the City Treasurer in favor of the
Chief of the Dept for said sum of Sixty dollars

Alderman Taylor moved that the resolution
be adopted

The Year & Days ordered and the resolution
passed by the following vote.

Years Alderman, Brandon Cook Duffinburg,
James Garmon, Moors, Robinson, Taylor and Ward
Days None

The Ordinance Committee submitted the following
report

Austin Texas May 15th 1877
Hon Mayor and City Council

City of Austin Texas

Your Committee to whom was referred the
petitions of Harry Tarr and Charles Martinis asking
the Council to refund to them the amount of \$1.25
paid by them as a license tax to sell liquor, by
leave to report. That they have examined the said
petitions and find from it that on the 1st day of April,
1877 they took out a license from the City to sell liquor
in quantities less than one quart for the quarter commencing
on the 1st day of April and ending 3 months thereafter,
for which they paid the sum of 62⁵⁰. The City in consider-
ation of this money received gave petitioners the right
to engage in the said business for the period mentioned.
This was a contract, and when petitioners paid the said
money and the City issued to them the said license, it became
a completed and executed contract between the parties.

The City Ordinance prohibits and makes it a misdemeanor
for any person to sell liquor without first having obtained
a license. On the 17th day April A.D. 1877, the new Con-
stitution went into operation, one clause of which reduced
the tax in question 50%. Your Committee are of the
opinion that said clause can only apply to licenses be-
coming due and issued subsequently to the 17th day of
April 1877. Petitioners obtained their license under
the Ordinances and Laws as they existed prior to the
adoption of the present Constitution, which requires
petitioners to pay 62⁵⁰. Your Committee therefore rec-
ommend that the petition be not granted, 1st because
the tax was legally collected and cannot therefore be
legally refunded and 2nd, because if granted it would
set an example which if followed by others and it
would be that would cause the City to pay out large
sums of money.

We are very respectfully

Robert H. Ward
J. Garmon Committee

On motion the report of the Committee was received

Alderman Brummond moved that the report of the Committee be adopted

The Yeas and Nays ordered and the report was adopted by the following vote

Yea Alderman Brummond Cook, Daffernbaugh James Garmon, Maas, Robinson, Taylor and Ward
Nays None

By City Attorney

Austin Texas

May 30th 1877

To his Honor the Mayor and

Board of Aldermen of the City of Austin
Gentlemen

I desire to wish the health on account of my health and respectfully ask for a leave of absence for sixty days from date hereof

Respectfully

F. L. Britton.

^{City Atty}
On motion of Alderman Ward leave of absence was granted to City Atty

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By Finance Committee An Ordinance levying an advalorum Tax upon all property in the City of Austin liable to taxation for the year A.D. 1877.

The Ordinance was read

Alderman Taylor moved that after the word in the ordinance be filled by inserting the words three fourths of one per cent

Alderman Brummond moved to amend by striking one per cent instead of three fourths of one percent and that the Advalorum tax be one per cent

The Yeas and Nays ordered and the motion to amend by striking one per cent carried by the following vote

Yea Alderman Brummond, Cook, James Garmon Maas, Robinson and Ward
Nays Alderman Daffernbaugh and Taylor

The Ordinance as amended was read and passed to its second reading.

Alderman Brummond moved to suspend the rules and put the ordinance on its second reading.

The Yeas and Nays ordered and the rules was suspended by the following vote

Yea Alderman Brummond, Cook, James, Larmon
Nay Alderman Robinson and Ward

Nays Alderman Duffenbaugh and Taylor

The Ordinance was read the second time and passed to its third reading.

Alderman Robinson moved to further amend the rules and put the ordinance on its third reading.

The Yeas and Nays ordered and the rules was suspended by the following vote

Yea Alderman Brummond, Cook, James, Larmon,
Evans Robinson and Ward

Nay Alderman Duffenbaugh and Taylor

The Ordinance was read the third time and passed by the following vote

Yea Alderman Brummond Cook, James, Larmon,
Nay Alderman Robinson and Ward. Nay Alderman Duffenbaugh, Taylor &
Alderman Cook, 13^o It was resolved by the
City Council of the City of Austin that the City Assessor
and Collector be allowed the same fees for assessing &
Collecting in 1877 as was allowed him in 1876.

The Yeas and Nays ordered and the resolution carried by the following vote

Yea Alderman Brummond Cook Duffenbaugh
James Larmon Haas, Robinson Taylor and Ward

Nays None

The City Assessor and Collector presented 28 July
Certificates that he had received for taxes and by mistake
had cancelled them, and that the City Treasurer
had refused to give him credit for or receive these
Certificates. He asked Council to order a Warrant
issued on the treasurer for the sum of \$150 it being
the amount he had taken the certificates for.

On motion of Alderman James the Mayor
was authorized to issue to the assessor the warrant
affixed for.

The City Assessor & Collector presented the following
account and asked that the same be allowed him
City of Austin Dr

To Fred Stoenig Assessor & Collector

To Arch on 1 Bonck + White lot entered and
Decorated for twice. Cash Book Folio 75 and 78 \$ 21.84
Dinner

Fred Storzyng

City Treasurer

On Motion of Alderman James the account was
allowed and the Mayor was authorized to draw his
warrant on the City Treasurer in favor of Fred Storzyng
for the sum of \$ 21.84

... On Motion of Alderman Cook the Council
adjourned

Approved June 8th 1877

John H. Harlow.

City Clerk.

Meeting of Board of Appeals
May 30th 1877

The Board met at 5.30 P.M. Alderman
Taylor President of the Board of Aldermen in the
Chair

Roll called and the following members answered
Aldermen Bremond Cook Duffenbaugh James
Garrison Isaac Robinson Taylor and Ward
Absent None Present Garrison present

Petition of Charles Klein stating that he had been
assessed for the year 1877 as follows

Block #174 Lots 1, 2, 3 & 4	2800.00
Improvements	5800.00
Block #57 Div E Lots 33 & 34	400.00
Improvements	600.00
	\$ 9600.00

He thinks the assessment is too high and believes
it to be more than he can get for the property and
asks that it be reduced as follows

Block #174 Lots 1, 2, 3 & 4	2000.00
Improvements	4500.00
Block #57 Div E Lots 33 & 34	300.00

Improvements
Total

200.00
\$ 1000.00

In motion of Alderman Bramonc the assessment on Block #174 Lots 1.2.3 + 4 remains as fixed by the assessor and Alder #2800

On motion of Alderman Bramonc the assessment on the improvements on Block #174 Lots 1.2.3.4 was reduced to \$500 +

Petition of H. J. Harris stating that he is the agent for G. A. Kraft wh. owns Lot # - Block # 20 in Div O and that the City Assessor had assessed the Lot at \$200 - and the improvements at \$100 - making a total of \$300.00 he asks the assessment be reduced to \$500 - as he is willing to sell the property for that sum

On motion of Alderman Robman the petition was granted and the assessment fixed at \$500 -

* On motion of Alderman Robman the assessment on Block #57 Div E Lots 33 + 34 with improvements remains as set by the Assessor \$1000. -

On the above the Council adjourned

John T. Harbold
City Clerk

Regular meeting of City Council
June 8th 1877

Council called to order at 12:30 P.M. Mayor Allen in the chair.

Roll called and the following members answered.

Alderman Bramonc. Cook. Duffield, James
Kaos. and Robinson

Absent Aldermen. Barron. Taylor + Ward
Greeves present

Alderman Cook moved a call of the Council. Call sustained and the Marshal was directed to bring in the absentees

The Election Returns for Alderman in Ward 71st was opened and read as follows.

Burton Jet as June 4th 1877

To the Mayor of the City of Austin and the Board of Aldermen thereof